

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

**St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission**

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**Glory be to Jesus Christ!!!**



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Sunday September 11th 2016 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 1st Corinthians 15: 1-11 Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

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*Happy St. Elizabeth's Day!*  
**WELCOME**

If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is the work of the people and that means that all of your prayers are necessary! We hope you will stay and join us for coffee hour in the atrium. Please feel free to ask Fr. Matthew any questions you might have! May God's blessings be upon all of you!

Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross

**Tropar and Kondak Tone 3**– Blue Book pg. 87 Red Book pg. 102

**Tropar of St. Elizabeth and St. Zachariah**– Celebrating the memory of your righteous ones,\* Zacharias and Elizabeth,\* by their prayers we beseech you,\*\* O Christ, our God save our souls!

**Glory to the...Now and ever...**

**Kondak of the Nativity of the Birthgiver of God**– Your birth, O Virgin Mother Of God,\* heralded joy to the universe;\* for from you rose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God.\* He took away the cure. He gave the blessing,\* and by trampling death, He gave us everlasting life!

**Weekly Schedule of Divine Services:**

Tuesday 9/13– **7PM**– Great Vespers–  
 Elevation of the Holy Cross

Wednesday 9/14– **9AM**– Divine Liturgy–  
 Elevation of the Holy Cross

Saturday 9/17– **3PM**– Great Vespers

Sunday 9/18– **10AM**– Divine Liturgy

Please check out the bulletin board by the coffee machine for information on *Pan Orthodox United* as well as for information on the Habit for Humanity home built in honor of + Fr. Michael Rosco, to be dedicated on December 7th, 2016!

ANIVEOTEL: This coming week we will celebrate the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Cross.

INTTAYIV: This past week we celebrate the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Mother of God.

HRIAACHAZ: The husband of St. Elizabeth is Saint

ISOARPNTTNA: St. Elizabeth is our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Prayer List**

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleinig, Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela, Tyler, Maria, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blonar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae, The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Fred and Helen Milesenko, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret, Jenny (Blessed Repose) and Keith, Peter (blessed repose), Bishop Gregory and his family Bryan (Blessed Repose), Rick, the James Family, Fr. Scott, Rebecca Cooper (Blessed Repose), Fr. Paul Herbert (Blessed Repose), Joseph, Boris, Maria (Blessed Repose), Maria Starcova, Ernie (Blessed Repose), Fr. Hazuda Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!



## Happy St. Elizabeth's Day



Last week, after Liturgy, we celebrated the Great Vespers for St. Elizabeth, our Patron Saint. As it so often does on a sunny afternoon, three beams of light shined through the windows of the Church. As the Heavenly beams of light shined into the Sanctuary they clearly and powerfully represented the Holy Trinity; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. With love in their hearts, three children of the Church, Leo, Elizabeth, and Arie joyfully basked in the light of Christ that he freely offers to us all. **But take a closer look...**a beam of light is shining directly from the Icon of St. Elizabeth hanging on the wall, straight to the heart of Arie Van Buul! Maybe this is just some kind of optical illusion, and maybe it is an act of God. Either way it is a powerful reminder

to us all that our Patron Saint loves us, and prays for us all. St. Elizabeth, who reflects the Light of Christ through her righteous life, shares that Light with all of us who love her and cry out to her in prayer. Ultimately this a matter of faith. However, this priest believes it is a sign to us that St. Elizabeth loves the children and loves all of her community in Christ. Let us all pray that just as this picture shows, that the light of Christ is continually reflected through all of us, just as it is reflected through the Icon and life of our Patron Saint, St. Elizabeth! Happy St. Elizabeth's Day to all, may she always pray for us and may God Bless us all! What a joy it is to receive the Light of Christ the shines for all! What a joy it is when we receive the Light of Christ and His Word into our hearts!

"These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full." - John 15:11



- **Be the Bee Retreat - On Saturday November 5th** please visit <http://bethebee.goarch.org/retreats>
- **St. Elizabeth Day**– Happy and Blessed St. Elizabeth's Day to all! May our Patron Saint continually pray that our souls be saved!
- **Happy Birthday and names day to Elizabeth Coleman!** May God grant her and her family many happy and blessed years!
- **Panachida Today**– Today, on St. Elizabeth's Day we will remember all of the departed members of this parish, along with all of our departed friends and loved ones. Today is also the 15th anniversary of the tragic and horrific events of 9/11 2001 and so we will also remember all of the souls who fell asleep in the Lord in the terrorist attacks 15 years ago today. May God always bless the United States of America!
- **Woodstock Scarecrow Display:** If you've ever been in downtown Woodstock in October, you will remember well the wonderful display of Scarecrows. This year, St. Elizabeth's has it's own spot thanks to a sponsorship by the St. Elizabeth Jr. ACRY. In order to make a great display everyone's help will be needed. The set must be done between Monday Oct. 3rd and Friday Oct. 7th. Anyone who would like to help or has any ideas there will be a meeting next Saturday at 11AM for anyone who would like to help and to discuss the project!

And a very Happy Birthday and Names Day to Elizabeth!